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FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS MADE TO PRESS IN TOKYO SEPT 17
BY DEPUTY SECRETARY CLEMENTS REQUESTED IN REFTEL: QUOTE: Q. CAN
WE GET AN OVERVIEW HOW YOU SEE THE SITUATION IN SE ASIA, PHNOM
PENH & SAIGON?

A. LET'S TAKE SAIGON FIRST. AS ALL OF YOU ARE
PROBABLY AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN A GREAT MANY VIOLATIONS
OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE NORTH, AND SOME VERY SERIOUS
MAJOR VIOLATIONS BY THE NORTH, NOT THINKING IN
TERMS OF THE MINOR ISSUES. THERE IS IN FACT NORTH OF
SAIGON NOW THE PRESENCE OF CONSIDERABLE ARMORED TANKS
AS WELL AS MASS ARTILLERY THAT HAS NOT HERETOFORE BEEN
THERE. AND AGAIN USING THE TERM 'THREAT' THERE IS
A REAL THREAT INTERNALLY WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM, NORTH OF
SAIGON, THAT EXCEEDS ANYTHING IN THAT POSITION THAT HAS
HERETOFORE EXISTED. IT IS WORRYING AND WE ARE
WATCHING IT VERY CLOSELY: THEIR USE OF THE AIRFIELDS

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AND THEIR BRINGING IN OF THEIR AIR DEFENSES AND

THEIR CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROADS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE
MOUNTAIN -- ONE ROAD BEING INTERNAL AND THE OTHER ROAD
GOING DOWN THE TRAIL, TRYING TO MAKE THESE ALL- WEATHER,
CONCRETE BRIDGED AND GRAVEL SURFACED. ALL OF THESE
THINGS ARE INDICATIONSTHAT THE TROUBLE IS NOT OVER IN
SOUTH VIETNAM AND WE ARE WATCHING THIS VERY CAREFULLY.
ENDQUOTE.
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